

# *Short Range EFT for Few-Body Systems*

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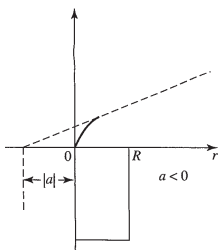
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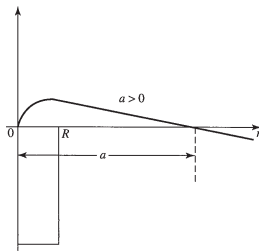
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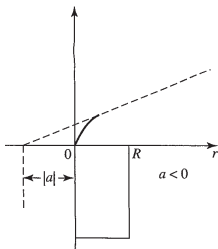


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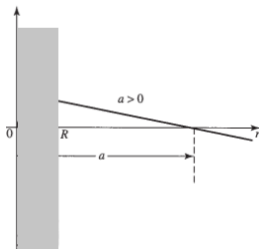
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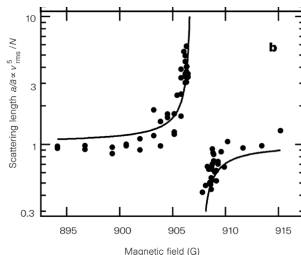
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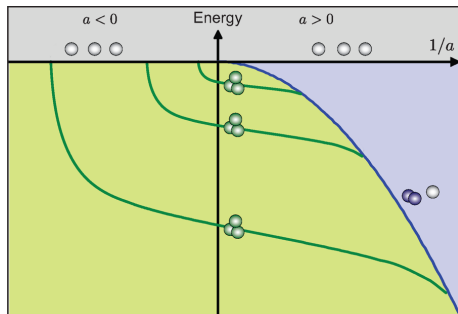
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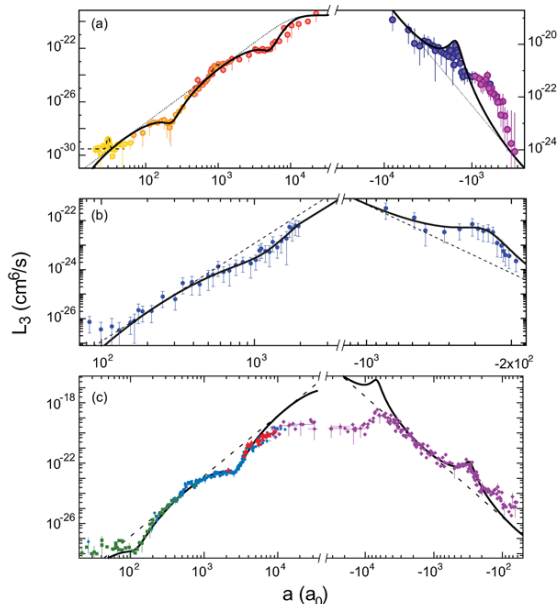
# Efimov Physics

- The unitary limit:  $E_2 = 0$ ,  $a \rightarrow \infty$ .
- In 1970 V. Efimov found out that if  $E_2 = 0$  the 3-body system will have an **infinite** number of bound states.
- The 3-body spectrum is  $E_n = E_0 e^{-2\pi n/s_0}$  with  $s_0 = 1.00624$ .



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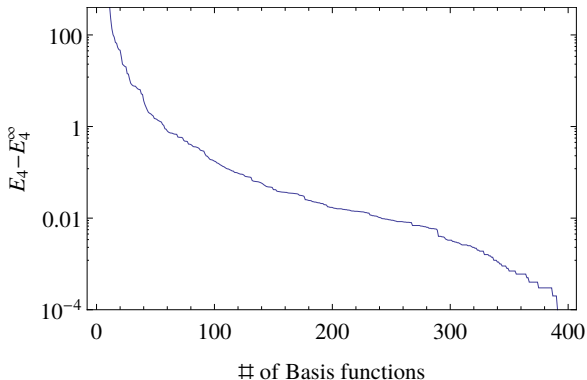
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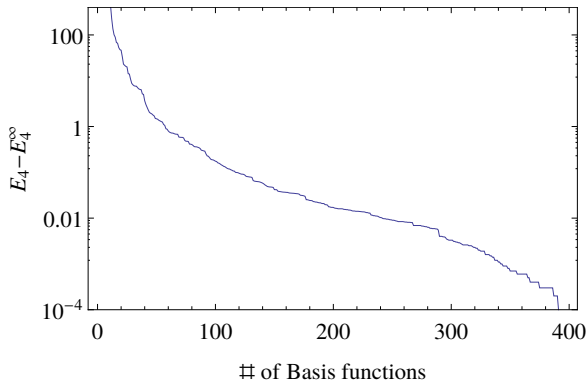
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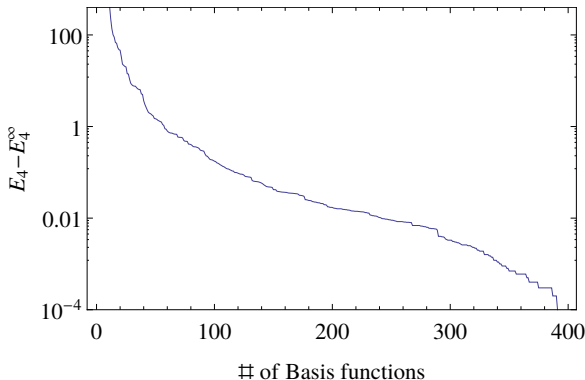
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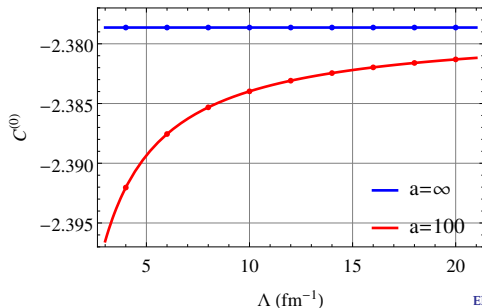
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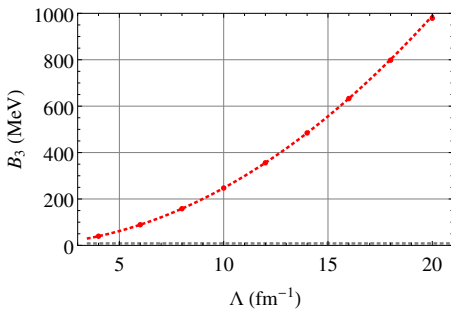
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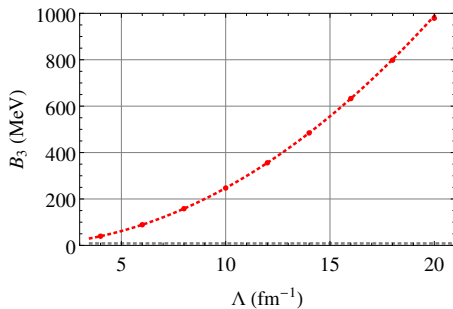
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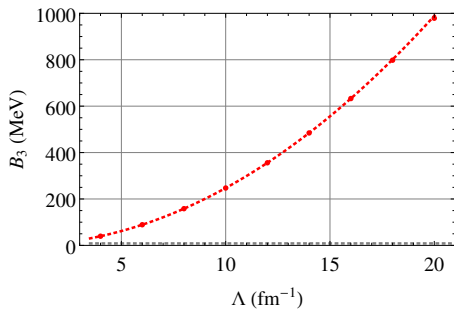
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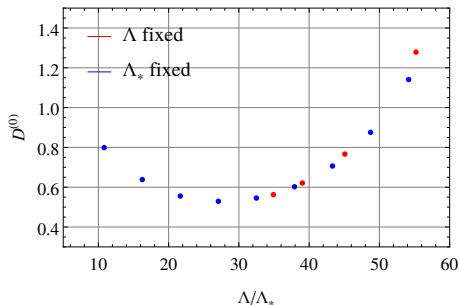
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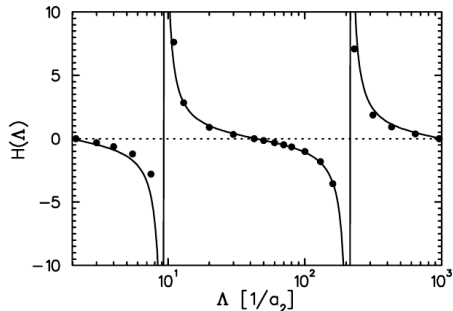
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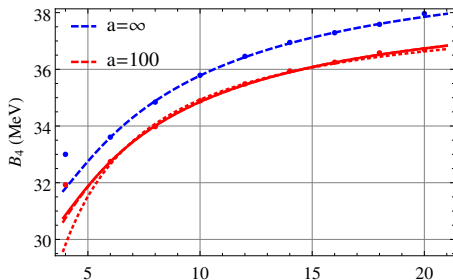


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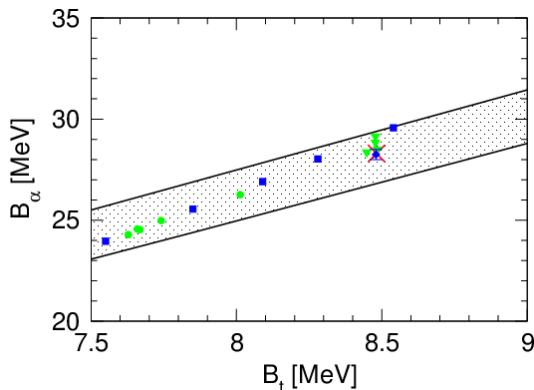
$$B_4(\Lambda) = B_\infty \left[ 1 + \alpha \frac{Q_4}{\Lambda} + \beta \left( \frac{Q_4}{\Lambda} \right)^2 + \gamma \left( \frac{Q_4}{\Lambda} \right)^3 + \dots \right], \quad Q_4 = \sqrt{\frac{2mB_4}{4\hbar^2}} \approx 0.68 \text{fm}^{-1}$$

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# Tjon line

Another evidence is the **Tjon line**, the correlation between the binding energies of the triton and the  $\alpha$ -particle.

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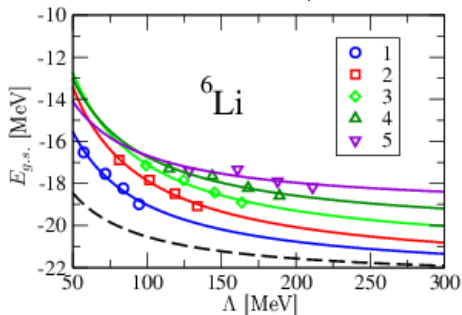


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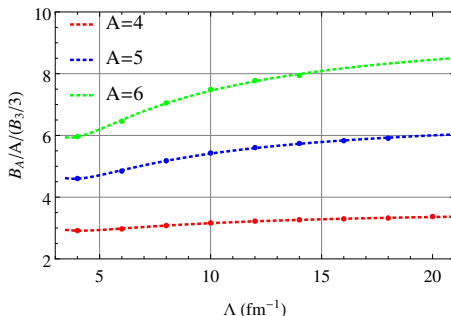


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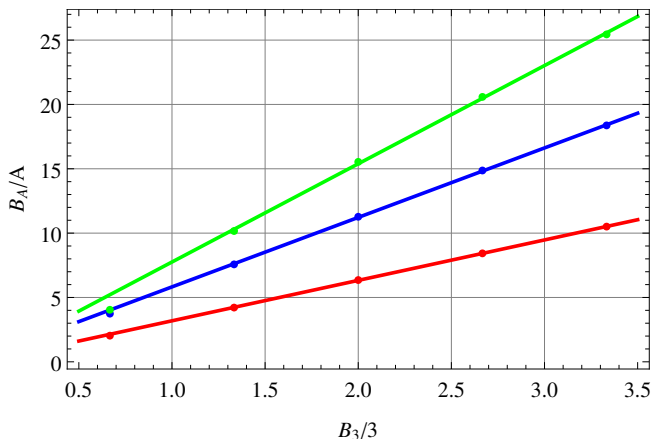


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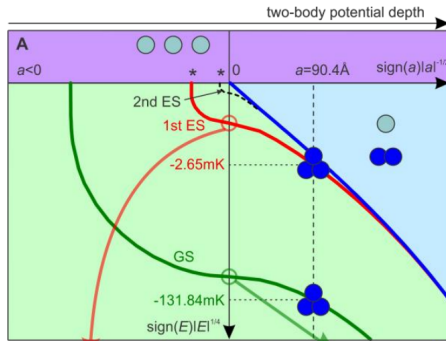
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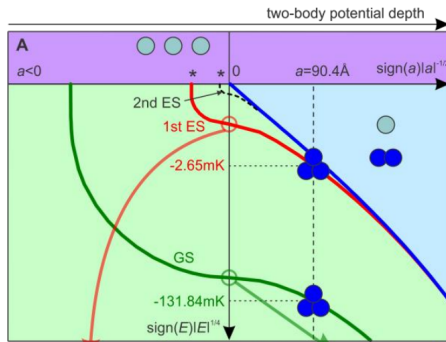
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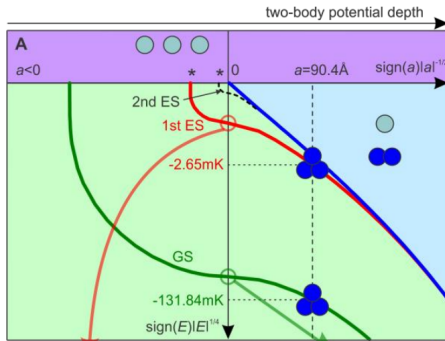


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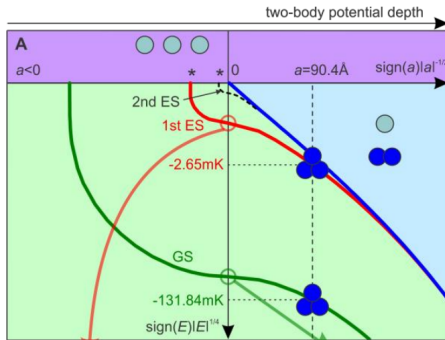


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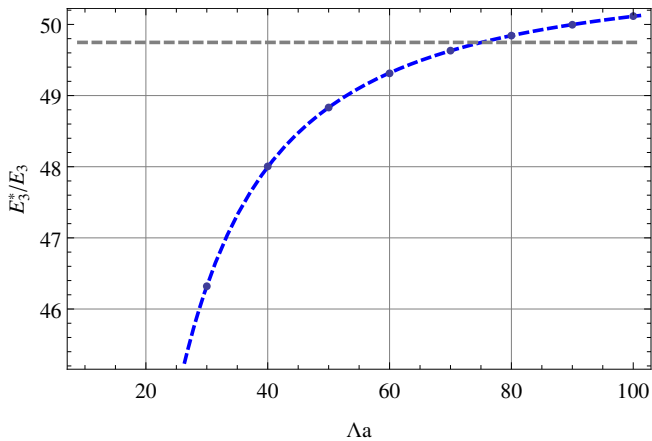
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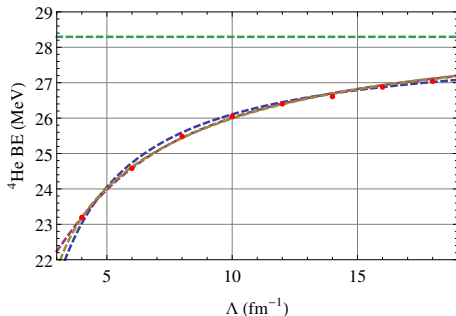
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